



## WAR TALE OF A BILLY GOAT.

Seasoned Old Animal Tells of Thrilling Adventures During the Santiago Campaign.

I ain't no pug nor poodle, nor maltese kitten, I'm a hustler, I am, and you don't never hear me meow or yelp when I'm hungry, for somebody to come and feed me.

Of course, I'm cranky. So would you be if you'd been brought up when young on old shoes and wall paper,

I'd found on the ship's back to keep me up till dinner time. Everybody got crazier then ever when we was landed. Such a mess you never did see. They began to walk away together into the country, and of course, I went, too, and I tried to set them boys a proper example. But, bless you, if they was playing now

and that was the things called Spaniards, and every time they bang-bang-banged, a lot of them queer mosquitoes would come whizzing and buzzing and biting at us, and when a soldier boy on our side of the game was bitten, he bled awful, and sometimes he dropped and crawled away, and sometimes he dropped and lay quite still. Our boys would run and drop and fire and run farther and fire again, till I got quite excited myself, specially when an officer grunted at Tommy and Fred, who was playing the game beautiful, and said to them:

"Bravo! volunteers! I'll remember you fellows for this—you won't repent it."

Then all of a sudden one of them mosquitoes bit me. It wasn't a very bad bite, but it hurt my lip, and I

## PROOF OF EARTH'S MOTION.

Any Child Can Show Plainly How the Earth Revolves On Its Axis.

It is quite possible to prove that the earth revolves on its axis by a simple experiment and without having recourse to mathematics. Take a good-sized bowl, fill it nearly full of water and place it upon the floor of a room which is not exposed to shaking or jarring from the street.

Sprinkle over the surface of the water a coating ofycopodium powder, a white substance, which is sometimes used for the toilet, and can be bought at almost any drug store. Then, upon the surface of this coating of powder, make, with powdered charcoal, a straight black line, say an inch or two inches in length, and lying north and south.

Having made this little black mark with the charcoal powder on the surface of the contents of the bowl, lay down upon the floor a stick or some other straight object, so that it shall be exactly parallel with the mark. If the line happens to be parallel with a crack in the floor or with any stationary object in the room, this will serve as well.

Leave the bowl undisturbed for a few hours, and then notice the position of the black mark with reference to the object that it was parallel with. It will be found to have shifted its direction, and to have moved from east to west, that is to say, in a direction opposite to that of the movement of the earth on its axis.

The earth, in simply revolving, has carried the water and everything else in the bowl around with it, but the powder on the surface has been left behind a little. The line will always be found to have moved from east to west, which is perfectly good proof that everything else has moved the other way.

The Sleepy Member of Congress.

Washington Letter.  
Brosius of Pennsylvania apparently earns his salary easier than any other member of congress. He rarely leaves the house during its sessions, but this is because he is asleep a good deal of the time. He slides down in his chair and assumes a comfortable position, and then takes a nap of two or three hours' duration. The way over his head, as the water is cool, transfer it all to a pretty glass bowl and set that on the table. The water will be of a rich blue in an hour. At the same time take four clean wine glasses and put six drops of common vinegar in one, six drops of baking soda dissolved in water in the second, and six drops

## VERY CLEVER PARLOR MAGIC.

MYSTERIES AND SLEIGHT OF HAND BASED ON SCIENCE.

Farming Trick, Make Plants Grow—Blowing Eggs From Glass—The Dancing Water Baby.

A very interesting experiment to work out during the performance is one based upon the action of chemicals. About an hour is required for this, so it could be commenced just before the entertainment, and the



BOX OF LETTUCE GROWN IN 2 HOURS

things left to stand as part of the outfit. The table, with the medium sized leaves from a red cabbage, and strip them to pieces, and put them in a clean earthen dish and pour a pint of boiling water over them. As soon as the water is cool, transfer it all to a pretty glass bowl and set that on the table. The water will be of a rich blue in an hour. At the same time take four clean wine glasses and put six drops of common vinegar in one, six drops of baking soda dissolved in water in the second, and six drops

and it will jump out and into the other time the table, with the medium sized leaves from a red cabbage, and strip them to pieces, and put them in a clean earthen dish and pour a pint of boiling water over them. As soon as the water is cool, transfer it all to a pretty glass bowl and set that on the table. The water will be of a rich blue in an hour. At the same time take four clean wine glasses and put six drops of common vinegar in one, six drops of baking soda dissolved in water in the second, and six drops

## INTERESTING NEGRO FOLKTALES.

HOW ANNANCY WENT TO THE FISH COUNTRY.

A New Story of the Great West Indian Spider—How He Came By Present Name.

BY PAMELIA COLEMAN SMITH.  
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Once dere was a famine in de land, and Annancy went over into Fish Country. An when him see de fat young mullets, him mou (mouth) water. So him tuckentime what foh to do! And so him dress himself up in long coat, an tall hat, an mount one big white choker, and mek belieb him was a doctor.

Now dere was a rich fish family with

contemp' like an tell dem him cure bigger blind eye, commonly.  
An den Breda Annancy (tj) dem to put de old woman to bed, an to put a fire in de fire-pot, an gib him a fry pan, an loaf of bread, some butter, pepper an salt, a plate, an knife and fork.  
Den him lock himself in de room wid de old granmie fish, an him tell dem all dat when they hear de fry pan cry two-twice-two, dey mus all hold hands, an dance, an say:  
"Den him grandie eye da well, free grandie eye dey cure!"  
When him mek all him arrangements done, Dr. Annancy lock de door, an den him say to de old lady:  
"Hold up you face, mam, while I xamine you eye." An den de old lady 'trech up her face, an Annancy put de knife in her neck, bam! In less dan no time Annancy scrape off de scales, an knock de old lady in de fry pan, an spread de butter, an pepper an salt pon de fat old Queen-fish, an when de fry pan cry two-twice-two, de whole family outside join hands, an dance, an do any dance dey sing:  
"Bin me grandie eye da well, free grandie eye da well, free grandie eye da well!"  
In a berry short time Breda Annancy, who was well finish, eat up de old lady, an only leave a few bones,

bag wid food 'nough fee last him one whole year! Annancy den mek him way home. An go on, an on, an when him get to de river side, which divide him country from Fish country, him find plenty of Alligator ready fee eat him. So him call Dog, an say:  
"Breda Dog, I beg you take me across de river on you back!"  
Dog say, "What will you gib me, if I take you over?"  
Annancy say back to Dog:  
"Hil me no will gib you half de food in me bag!"  
So Dog run down de river an bark, an mek Alligator think him going jump in, so dey all run down which side Dog was, an Dog gallop up, pon Annancy on him back, an mek Alligator turn round, for dem is a ting dat take a long time to turn. Dog jump in de river wid Annancy pon him back, an swim over to de other side.  
Now Annancy was dat cabbage dat him grudge to gib Breda Dog any de food in him bag, and so when Dog ax him foh it, him 'troot down an pick up a big rock-a-tonk (rock) an throw it down into de river, an cry out:  
"Breda Dog, me bag tumble in de river; go quick an bring him up foh me!"  
Now, Dog is a craven, ravenous crea-



a blind old grandmoter, so dey call Breda Annancy in foh to xamine (examine) an cure de old lady. Breda Annancy polly up him big boot, an cock him moss-glasse, an look wise-like screech-owl! An when him see de plump old Mrs. Green-fish, de way de water run out of him mou, like river! When all him fambly come round an ax Annancy question, as to wedder him can cure de old lady—Annancy look

which him wrap up in de pillow case, an kiber up under de sheets. Den him wipe him mou, an pick him teeth, an den him open de door, softly, softly, an peep him head out, an tell de fambly dat de old lady was fast asleep, an dat she musn't be disturbed for six hours!

When he fish dey hear dat de cultivation de old lady's eyes was successful, dem heart almost burst wid gratefulness, an dey fill up Annancy's

fastened to the shell by wax, and these are tied to the head of a small wooden rod. A hole is fastened to a string around the waist and hangs down a trifle below the feet. The hole in the middle is right over the doll's head. When this is done put the doll down into the water, and the water must reach to about an inch from the top, when all is in. A piece of bladder is to be drawn over the mouth. This should be wet first, as that makes it more pliable, and no air must enter. When this is dry the baby is ready to dance for you. You press the outer with one finger, and that causes a corresponding pressure of air upon the nut, which is then filled with water, and that makes it heavier, so that it rises and falls with each pressure of the finger.

MYSTERIOUS SMOKE.  
A puzzling trick in chemistry is to take a very transparent glass goblet with four drops of hydrochloric acid in the bottom, and a saucer where the bottom has just been dipped in ammonia. Cover the glass tightly with the saucer and stop away, declaring that you will cause the smoke from a cigarette to all pass inside the glass. The glass will slowly fill with fumes of smoke. It is the union of these two volatile liquids which forms the white fumes.

THE FARMING TRICK.  
If one wants to do a really remarkable thing let him get a handful of lettuce seed and sow them in a hole in the bottom, and a saucer where the bottom has just been dipped in ammonia. Cover the glass tightly with the saucer and stop away, declaring that you will cause the smoke from a cigarette to all pass inside the glass. The glass will slowly fill with fumes of smoke. It is the union of these two volatile liquids which forms the white fumes.

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